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Episodes in the History of
Chester County Pennsylvania.



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Being Episodes in the

History of Chester County

for the benefit of the
Chester County Hospital

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

March 24th and 25th, 1914, at eight o'clock

First Episode

Early History of Chester County

The Realm of Nature

near the Brandywine, is invaded by

The Children of the Wood

the Lenni Lenape Indians. These in turn are superseded by

The Swedish Settlers (1638)

whose right is soon questioned by

The Dutch (1640)

Disorder is averted by the

Friends Under the Guidance of Wm. Penn

He gives the place

The Name of Chester County (1682)

establishes harmony among the settlers and gains the friendship of the Indians.

Interludes—Welsh Settlers (1699) in National Songs.

Irish Settlers (1700) in Song and Dance.

PERSONS IN FIRST EPISODE

Spirit of the Forest, Miss Marie Sellers

Wm. Penn, J. P. Temple

Indian Chief, W. T. Dantz

Robt. Pearson, J. C. Hayes

In charge of Indians, Miss R. P. Johnston and Dr. C. E. Ehinger

In charge of Swedes, Miss Margaret Sharpless

In charge of Welsh, Miss Klein

In charge of Dutch, Mrs. Miles Killmer

In charge of Irish, Miss Farrell

Second Episode

Revolutionary Period in Chester County

Scene 1. THE ALARM. Time: Oct. 11, 1777.

Place: At the Sign of the Turk's Head, Goshen Township, Chester County.

Scene 2. A WARNING. Squire Cheyney's Message.

Scene 3. DURING THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE.
Place: Near Chadd's Ford.

Scene 4. THE STORY OF THE CONFLICT. Told by eye witnesses.
Place: Near the Turk's Head Inn.

Scene 5. THE CAMP AT VALLEY FORGE. Brother Jabez' Plea.
Time: December, 1777.

Scene 6. WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, VALLEY FORGE.
At Mrs. Washington's Tea Table.
Time: February, 1778.

Finale. NEWS OF THE FRENCH ALLIANCE, May 2, 1778.

PERSONS

General George Washington	Dr. U. G. Gifford
Marquis de LaFayette	Vincent Gilpin
General Anthony Wayne	Smith Burnham
General Sullivan	
Squire Cheyney, of Thornbury	Christian Sanderson
James Gibbons, of Westtown	Dr. Wm. Sharpless
Christian Hench, of Yellow Springs	Seal White
Brother Jabez, from Ephrata	Edward Swayne
Surgeon Wm. Magaw, of Mercersburg	Dr. R. E. Samuel
Dr. Kennedy	Dr. C. A. Witmer
Dr. Benj. Rush	Dr. O. H. Cox
Joseph Townsend } Friends from Bradford	{ John Baldwin
Wm. Townsend }	{ Clarence Carey
Benj. Hawley, of Concord	George Groff
Phinebias Eachus, Keeper of Turk's Head	Thos. Hoskins
Abner Potts, a Chester County Patriot	Robt. Brinton
Tom Spence }	{ Carl Diehm
John Warwick }	{ Wm. Martin
Peter Simons }	{ Geo. Groff
Ralph Darlington	Robt. Schell
Mrs. Washington	Miss Emily Holmes
Mrs. Wayne	Marian Leedom
Mrs. Greene	Mrs. Arthur Parke
Mrs. Knox	Mrs. Geo. Groff
Danie Jefferis	Miss Mary Stille
Sarah Biddle	Emma Taylor
Mistress Eachus	Jessie Somers
Phyllis, a Country Belle	Anna Few
Farmers, Citizens, Girls, etc.	

Third Episode

The Separation of Delaware and Chester Counties

NOTE:—Petition for separation presented 1766; active opposition took place at the unfinished Court House being built near the Turk's Head 1784; final separation 1786.

PERSONS

Colonel Hannum,
Colonel Isaac Taylor, } From Turk's Head.
Mr. Marshall,

Major John Harper, from Chester.

Men and boys from Turk's Head and Chester.

SCENES FROM BAYARD TAYLOR'S

Story of Kennett

Scene 1. Guests at the Fairthorins'.

PERSONS

Betsy Lavender	Ellen Brinton
Martha Dean	Dorothy Schmucker
Sally Fairthorn	Martha Sharpless
Joe Fairthorn	George Worst
Jake Fairthorn	Charles Rankin

Interlude—Bayard Taylor's Bedouin Love Song *Pinsuti*
ALEXANDER GRAY, JR.

Scene 2. The Capture of Sandy Flash.

PERSONS

Sandy Flash	Dr. Henry Pleasants
Deb Smith	John R. Scholl
Chaffy, Constable	Dr. O. H. Cox
Sheriff	E. P. Allinson

A day is supposed to have elapsed between the two parts of this scene.

Fourth Episode

LaFayette's Second Visit to Chester County

Time: July 26, 1825. Place: Room at Turk's Head Inn.

NOTE:—LaFayette, accompanied by his son and secretary, was met at Chadd's Ford by committees of citizens and troops of cavalry and conducted over the battlefield; then escorted to West Chester by way of Rosedale Avenue and High Street, along Market and Gay Streets, pausing in Jesse Matlack's field (now Fayette Street) for a review of the troops; thence to the Inn, where a reception and banquet were held in honor of the Nation's Guest.

PERSONS

Marquis de LaFayette	.....	Vincent Gilpin
Geo. Washington LaFayette	.....	William Morrison
M. La Vasseur, Secretary	.....	Albert Hoopes
Hon. Isaac Wayne	.....	A. M. Holding
Dr. Wm. Darlington	.....	W. D. Evans
Ziba Pyle, Esq.	.....	J. Paul MacElree
General Jos. McClellan	Chairmen of Committees	Robert S. Gawthrop
General Isaac Barnard	.....	Percy S. Darlington
Surgeon Magaw	.....	Samuel Marshall
	Guests, Citizens, Maidens, Attendants, etc.	

Song, written for the occasion by Dr. Wm. Darlington,
"Should Days of Trial Be Forgot."

Interlude—MUSIC.



Fifth Episode

Slavery Days and Civil War Memories

I. AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD STATION

Time: 1845. Place: Mendenhall Farm, Kennett Twp.

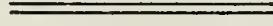
PERSONS

Isaac Mendenhall	.....	Edward S. Paxson
Dinah Mendenhall, his wife	.....	Beulah D. Pratt
Aaron	their children	Robert Shaffer
Sally	.....	Eva Parke
Simon Bernard	.....	Dr. Wm. T. Sharpless
Sarah Bernard	.....	Mary Sharpless
Mr. Ludlow Stuart, a planter	.....	Dr. Henry Pleasants
Col. Carter Anderson, his friend	.....	Dr. R. E. Samuel
Caesar, a runaway slave	.....	John R. Scholl

II. AN ECHO OF THE SIXTIES

Songs by Major McFarlan, of West Chester, and John Chambers, of Kennett Square.

Final Chorus



Incidents of the Pageant are based on actual events slightly adapted for presentation. Some references used were Futhey and Cope, Stille, Tower, Walton and Brumbaugh.

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